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**RESPONSE "22DEC2003"**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated July 3, 2003 (hereinafter the "Office  
Action"), Applicants respectfully submit this Response. No amendments are hereby introduced.